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1. Attached is a report of traffic on the Trans-Caspian Railroad through Dushak, Turkmen SSR, and of road traffic to and from Dushak for the period 4 through 18 May 1953.
2. Source states the days on which he was not able to observe traffic because of inclement weather, thereby indicating the number of days of poor visibility in the area. At present source is unable to obtain data on the contents of the trains or vehicles, or to observe night traffic.

Enclosure: Photostat of report on rail and road traffic through Dushak (6 pages) (State 4, Army 4, Navy 2, Air 4, OCD 4)

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>TRAFFIC</u>	<u>DIRECTION</u>	<u>TIME</u>	Rail: <u>No. of Cars</u> Road: <u>Type Vehicle</u>
5/5/53	Rail	eastbound	1400	1 train, 2 locomotives, 18 boxcars 4 axle, 8 flat cars 2 axle, and 11 boxcars 2 axle, all red.
		westbound	1440	1 green locomotive.
		eastbound	1700	1 train, 13 boxcars 4 axle, 15 boxcars 2 axle, all red, and 2 extra-large, white boxcars*.
	Road	Dushak to Serakhs	1315	1 truck loaded, uncovered.
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1500	1 jeep.
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1520	1 truck loaded.
		Bulan to Dushak	1630	1 army truck carrying 6 soldiers.
		Serakhs to Dushak	1700	1 red jeep.
		Dushak to Kaakha	1745	1 truck.
	6/5/53	Rail	westbound	0600
westbound			0705	1 train, 8 gondola cars 4 axle, 5 gondola cars 2 axle, 5 tank cars 2 axle, 3 boxcars 4 axle, and 6 flat cars 2 axle, all red.
		eastbound	0815	1 train, 2 locomotives, 40 tank cars 4 axle and 20 tank cars 2 axle, all red.
		eastbound	0900	1 train, 30 boxcars 4 axle and 6 boxcars 2 axle, all red.
		westbound	1030	1 train, green locomotive and 11 white passenger cars.
		eastbound	1030	1 train, green locomotive, 3 boxcars 4 axle, 46 flat cars 2 axle, and 1 boxcar 2 axle, all red.

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6/5/53 (cont'd)	Rail	eastbound	1300	1 train, 2 locomotives, 35 tank cars 4 axle and 13 tank cars 2 axle, all red.	
		westbound	1400	2 green locomotives.	
		eastbound	1610	1 train, 21 red hopper cars 4 axle.	
		westbound	1700	1 train, 16 tank cars 4 axle and 20 tank cars 2 axle, all red.	
		Road	Dushak to Serakhs	0710	1 truck, uncovered.
	Dushak to Kaakha	0815	1 jeep.		
	Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh	0820	1 truck loaded with planking.		
	Dushak to Kaakha	1000	1 truck, uncovered.		
	Dushak to north	1300	1 truck.		
	Serakhs to Dushak	1420	1 truck, uncovered.		
Dushak to Kaakha	1620	1 truck, uncovered.			
Dushak to Aqcheh Qaleh	1710	1 jeep.			
7/5/53	Rail	westbound	0530	1 train, green locomotive, 9 gondola cars 4 axle, 11 flat cars 2 axle, and 6 boxcars 2 axle, all red.	
		westbound	0630	2 green locomotives.	
		eastbound	0830	1 train, green locomotive, 12 boxcars 4 axle and 15 boxcars 2 axle, all red.	
		eastbound	0900	1 train, 2 green locomotives, 24 tank cars 4 axle and 30 tank cars 2 axle, all red.	
		westbound	1130	1 train, green locomotive, 14 green passenger cars 4 axle and 1 white passenger car 2 axle.	
		eastbound	1140	1 train, green locomotive, 12 gondola cars 4 axle, 5 flat cars 4 axle, 2 boxcars 4 axle, and 11 boxcars 2 axle, all red.	
		westbound	1230	1 green locomotive.	
		eastbound	1320	1 train, 2 locomotives, 13 boxcars 4 axle, 22 boxcars 2 axle, 6 flat cars 2 axle, all red, and 1 white boxcar 4 axle.	
		westbound	1500	1 train, 25 tank cars 4 axle and 20 tank cars 2 axle, all red.	
		eastbound	1530	1 train, 2 locomotives, 24 boxcars 4 axle and 40 boxcars 2 axle, all red.	
		eastbound	1700	1 train, steam locomotive, 14 hopper cars 4 axle and 1 hopper car 2 axle, all red.	
		Road	Dushak to Serakhs	0740	1 large, green truck, empty.
		Dushak to Tedzhend	0800	1 truck.	

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7/5/53 (cont'd)	Road	Dushak to Tedzhend	0900	1 army truck, covered.	
		Dushak to Bulan	0920	1 truck.	
		Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh	1400	1 army jeep.	
		Dushak to flour mill	1610	1 truck.	
		Dushak to Kaakha	1730	1 truck.	
		Bulan to Dushak	1740	1 truck, covered.	
10/5/53	Rail	eastbound	0700	1 train, 8 flat cars 2 axle, 17 boxcars 4 axle, and 15 boxcars 2 axle, all red.	
		westbound	0730	2 green locomotives.	
		westbound	0830	1 train, green locomotive, 25 boxcars 4 axle, all red.	
		westbound	0945	1 train, 1 passenger car 4 axle, green.	
		eastbound	1100	1 train, 7 gondola cars 4 axle, 6 gondola cars 2 axle, 15 boxcars 4 axle 8 boxcars 2 axle, and 6 tank cars 2 axle, all red.	
		eastbound	1200	1 train, 8 flat cars 4 axle, 10 boxcars 4 axle, and 15 boxcars 2 axle, all red.	
		westbound	1330	1 train, 42 tank cars 4 axle and 26 tank cars 2 axle, all red.	
		eastbound	1415	2 green locomotives.	
		westbound	1600	1 train, 30 red boxcars 4 axle and 1 extra-large, white boxcar*.	
		eastbound	1620	1 train, 14 tank cars 4 axle and 30 tank cars 2 axle, all red.	
		westbound	1810	1 train, 10 gondola cars 4 axle, 7 hopper cars 2 axle, 8 flat cars 2 axle, 4 flat cars 4 axle, and 2 boxcars 2 axle, all red.	
		Road	Post-i-Khojeh to Dushak	0615	1 green army jeep.
			Dushak to Kaakha	0725	1 truck.
			Dushak to Kaakha	0930	1 truck.
			Dushak to Serakhs	1000	2 trucks.
			Dushak to Bulan	1210	1 truck, uncovered.
			Dushak to Tedzhend	1540	1 truck.
			Serakhs to Dushak	1545	1 army truck, uncovered.
North to Dushak	1720		1 truck.		
11/5/53	Rail	eastbound	0600	1 train, green locomotive, 23 tank cars 4 axle, 13 tank cars 2 axle, all red, and 1 white tank car 4 axle.	
		westbound	0614	1 green locomotive.	
		westbound	0845	1 train, 13 passenger cars 4 axle and 1 passenger car 2 axle, all green.	

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11/5/53 (cont'd)	Rail	westbound	1015	1 train, green locomotive, 10 boxcars 4 axle, 1 tank car 2 axle, 6 boxcars 2 axle, 4 gondola cars 4 axle, 9 flat cars 2 axle, and 1 boxcar 2 axle, all red.	
		eastbound	1030	1 train, 18 boxcars 4 axle and 1 tank car, all red.	
		westbound	1030	1 train, 51 tank cars 4 axle and 5 tank cars 2 axle, all red.	
		westbound	1300	1 train, 14 boxcars 4 axle, 1 flat car 2 axle, and 2 boxcars 2 axle, all red.	
		eastbound	1345	1 train, 18 red boxcars 4 axle.	
		eastbound	1500	1 train, 2 locomotives, 30 tank cars 4 axle and 26 tank cars 2 axle, all red.	
		westbound	1600	1 green locomotive.	
		eastbound	1645	1 train, 12 red hopper cars 4 axle.	
	Road	Serakhs to Dushak	0500	1 truck.	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	0615	1 truck.	
		Dushak to Post-i-Khojeh	0700	1 army jeep.	
		Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh	0810	1 green truck, uncovered.	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	0950	1 truck.	
		Post-i-Shurjeh to Dushak	1230	1 green truck, uncovered.	
	Dushak to Malek Azhdar	1315	1 truck.		
	Dushak to Kaakha	1430	1 black truck.		
	Dushak to Serakhs	1520	1 truck, covered.		
	12/5/53	Rail	eastbound	0640	1 train, 2 locomotives, 30 tank cars 4 axle and 30 tank cars 2 axle, all red.
			westbound	0800	1 train, 10 flat cars 2 axle, 15 boxcars 2 axle, and 3 boxcars 4 axle, all red.
			eastbound	0835	1 train, 9 boxcars 4 axle, 10 flat cars 2 axle, 6 hopper cars 2 axle, and 13 boxcars 2 axle, all red.
westbound			1000	1 train, 15 green passenger cars 4 axle.	
eastbound			1045	1 train, 2 locomotives, 25 boxcars 4 axle and 2 flat cars 2 axle, all red.	
eastbound			1215	1 train, 17 red hopper cars, 4 axle.	
westbound			1300	1 train, 8 gondola cars 4 axle, 5 gondola cars 2 axle, 2 tank cars 2 axle, 6 flat cars 2 axle, and 12 boxcars 2 axle, all red.	

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12/5/53 (cont'd)	Rail	eastbound	1520	1 train, 14 boxcars 4 axle, 3 flat cars 2 axle, and 4 boxcars 2 axle, all red.	
		westbound	1525	1 train, 6 boxcars 4 axle and 8 boxcars 2 axle, all red.	
		eastbound	1710	2 green locomotives.	
	Road	Serakhs to Dushak	0810	1 truck, uncovered.	
		Dushak to Kaakha	0830	1 truck.	
		North to Dushak	0940	1 truck.	
		Dushak to Post-i-Khojeh	1015	1 army truck, covered.	
		Dushak to Kaakha	1200	1 jeep.	
		Dushak to Serakhs	1220	1 jeep.	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1500	1 truck.	
		Post-i-Khojeh to Dushak	1510	1 army truck.	
	Dushak to Kaakha	1530	1 truck.		
	13/5/53	Rail	eastbound	0715	1 train, 20 boxcars 4 axle and 13 boxcars 2 axle, all red.
			westbound	0730	1 train, 65 red tank cars 2 axle.
eastbound			0930	1 train, 2 locomotives, 18 gondola cars 4 axle, 5 gondola cars 2 axle, 3 flat cars 2 axle, and 3 boxcars 2 axle, all red.	
westbound			1000	1 train, 15 passenger cars 4 axle and 1 passenger car 2 axle, all green.	
westbound			1130	2 green locomotives.	
eastbound			1300	1 train, 2 locomotives, 44 boxcars 2 axle and 6 boxcars 4 axle, all red.	
westbound			1320	1 train, 21 tank cars 2 axle and 11 tank cars 4 axle, all red.	
eastbound			1555	1 train, 2 locomotives, 18 boxcars 2 axle, 16 boxcars 4 axle, 8 flat cars 2 axle, all red, and 2 extra-large, white boxcars*.	
westbound			1610	1 train, 7 flat cars 4 axle, 6 flat cars 2 axle, 5 hopper cars 2 axle, and 12 boxcars 2 axle, all red.	
Road			Bulan to Dushak	0740	1 green truck, uncovered.
		Serakhs to Dushak	0815	1 green truck, uncovered.	
		Dushak to Kaakha	1000	1 truck.	
		Dushak to Post-i-Shurjeh	1130	1 truck carrying 10 unarmed soldiers.	
		Dushak to Tedzhend	1410	1 jeep.	
	Dushak to Aqcheh Qaleh	1430	1 truck.		
	Post-i-Shurjeh to Dushak	1620	1 truck carrying 5 armed soldiers.		

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COMMENT: The extra-large, white boxcars reported during this period are about twice the size of the regular 4-axle boxcar.

2. The following is a tabulation for the period of time covered by this report, and includes daily averages of the preceding months.

	<u>RAILROAD</u>		<u>VEHICULAR</u>					
	<u>East</u>		<u>West</u>		<u>East</u>	<u>West</u>	<u>North</u>	<u>South</u>
	<u>Trains</u>	<u>Cars</u>	<u>Trains</u>	<u>Cars</u>				
5 May	2	67	0 1 locomotive	0	3	2	1	0
6 May	5	215	4 2 locomotives	106	0	4	1	3
7 May	6	232	3 3 locomotives	86	3	1	1	3
10 May	4 2 locomotives	159	5 2 locomotives	156	3	3	1	2
11 May	5	142	4 2 locomotives	118	3	2	1	3
12 May	5 2 locomotives	163	4	90	2	4	1	2
13 May	4	156	4 2 locomotives	143	1	2	2	2

NOTE: Rain prevented observations on 4 May, the morning of 5 May, 8-9 May, and 14-15 May. Observations were prevented on 16, 17, & 18 May by the return of shepherds from the border area.

(Daily avge.)

May	4	165	3	96	2	3	1	2
April	3	124	4	128	3	2	1	2
March	3	113	5	147	3	3	1	1
Feb.	3	140	4	134	1	1	2	2
Jan.	3	141	3	117	1	1	2	1
Dec.	4	144	4	111	1	1	1	2

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